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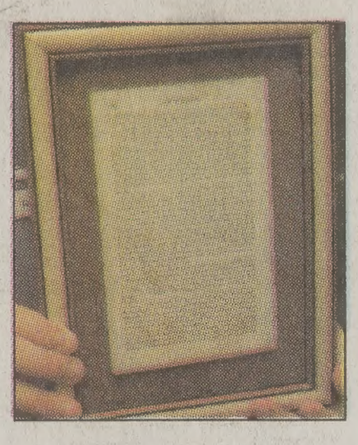

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Mayor wants to save schools

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Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson protested Salt Lake City School District's decision to close three elementary schools at a rally on Tuesday afternoon.

Anderson, with about 150 residents of Salt Lake City, gathered in a rally to share their concerns about the possible closures of east side schools.

"There is no question about it, I join with you in your efforts to save schools in this community," he said.

Anderson said he believes the closures are unwarranted.

"We are all in support of the very best we can do for all of our children in this city," he said. "We intend to change this decision, we intend to save our schools."

Jason Olsen, public information officer for the Salt Lake City School District, said the school district has lost 1,800 students on the east side of the city in the last 13 years.

"It's just not physically feasible to spend that money there when we need the money somewhere else in the district," he said.

The Salt Lake Board of Education voted earlier this year to close three elementary schools in the east side.

A committee of 30 residents representing schools in the district proposed two scenarios.

One scenario includes the closures of Wasatch, Beacon Heights, and Whittier elementary schools. The second scenario would close Hawthorne, Dilworth and Lowell schools.

The closures will allow the board to build new schools in the west side in order to accommodate growing demand and will save the district 1 percent of their budget, Olsen said.

Anderson said the school district should be able to find funds within its budget to account for the 1 percent difference.

"We need to seriously examine the financial situation, because if 1 percent really makes a difference, something is seriously awry," he said.

Charles Berger, a Salt Lake resident with sons who attend Lowell and Wasatch Elementary Schools, said the Salt Lake Board of Education has been rigid and uncreative in finding solutions to balance the school populations.

"It is disgraceful that they would begin this process by closing schools," he said. "They should begin by preserving what works."

Berger said students want to attend schools on the east side of the city because they combine excellence and diversity.

Although several east side schools can accommodate 500 students, many of them only have 400 students enrolled, Olsen said.

He said Utah law allows students to choose which school they want to attend, as long as there is adequate space to accommodate them.

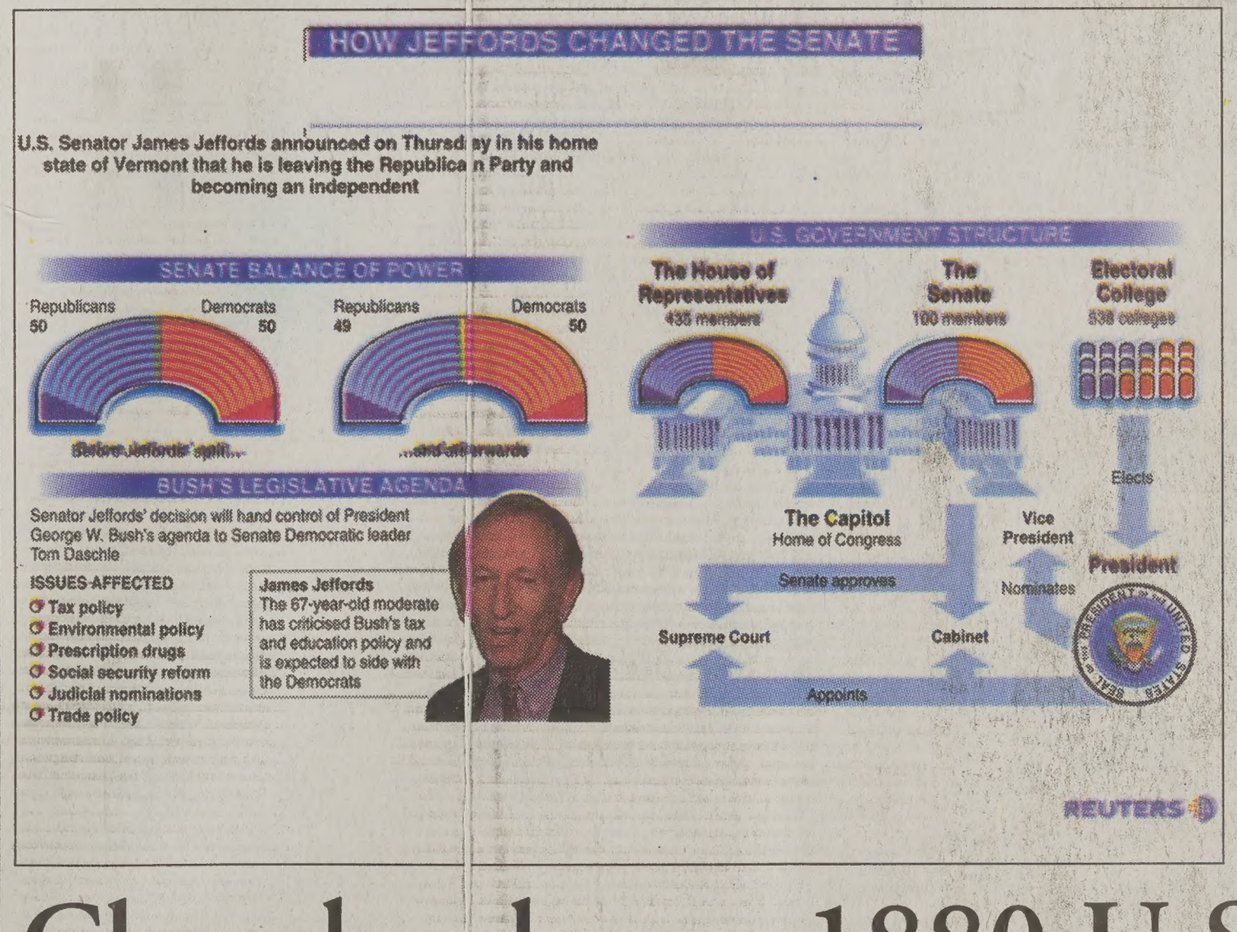
Monica Weyland, a Salt Lake resident, said taking away school choice undermines the parents' ability to decide what is best for their children.

"How dare you decide what neighborhood school is best for my child," she said. "Leave that decision to me."

Chris Wright/Universe

Mayor Rocky Anderson speaks at a rally against the possible closure of three Salt Lake city schools. The protest took place Tuesday at the SLC School District Office.

Senator moves his desk, swaps party



Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Sen. James Jeffords becomes an independent siding with the Democratic Party today, his desk will move with him.

Jeffords, R-Vt., formally ended his lifelong affiliation with the Republican Party when the Senate finished its business Tuesday. By the time the Senate reconvenes today, workers will have moved his desk to the Democratic side of the aisle and Democrats will be the chamber's majority by 50-49, plus Jeffords.

To accommodate workers' schedules, the desk probably won't be moved until this morning and the Senate won't convene until late morning, said one Democratic Senate aide.

Workers will have to slightly shift the position of several desks to retain the symmetrical look of the Senate chamber and avoid having a gap on the GOP side. Workers began the process last week, drilling new holes in the floor for the desks' legs and for microphone wiring.

Jeffords has sat in the back row on the GOP side. His new home across the aisle will be the next-to-last row between Democratic Sens. Max Baucus of Montana and John Kerry of Massachusetts, a spot chosen because his desk could most easily fit there.

Though some senators' desks are passed down within each state's delegation, Jeffords' desk doesn't seem to have any particular historical significance to Vermont, said Jeffords spokesman Erik Smulson.

Of the signatures traditionally left in the desk drawers by senators, the most noteworthy in Jeffords' seems to be that of former Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., Smulson said.

Church releases 1880 U.S. Census on CD

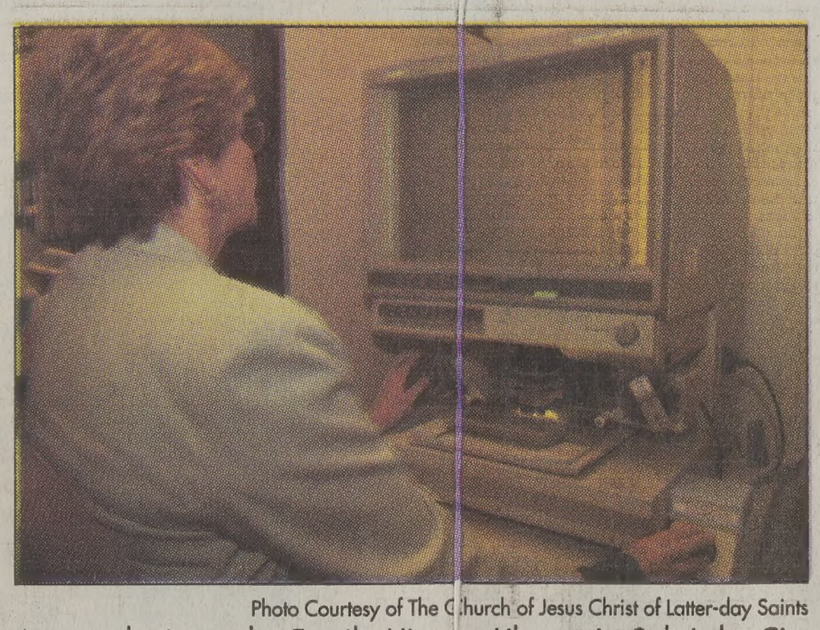


Photo Courtesy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

A geneologist at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City views the 1880 United States Census on a microfilm reader. The new CD-ROM will make searching the census easier.

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A mere $49 can buy 56 CDs from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

But rather than containing music, these CDs carry more than five million names, making up The Church of Jesus Christ's new release of the 1880 U.S. Census on CD-ROM.

Alex Baugh, BYU assistant professor of church history and doctrine, calls the automated census an "invaluable research tool."

"It's quite remarkable to consider that now millions of Americans will be able to find their ancestors who lived over 120 years ago," he said.

Baugh said users of the new genealogical service will be able to find their ancestors' relationship to the head of the household, age, gender, race, marital status, occupation, birth date and birthplace of their parents and children.

"This new automated census has a far-reaching impact on family history research in the U.S.," said David E. Rencher, director of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

"Because the 1890 census was destroyed by fire, there is no other federal source like this for 20 years. It makes the 1880 U.S. Census of tremendous value."

Baugh said he is amazed by The Church of Jesus Christ's ongoing effort to provide access to genealogical files.

"The church is becoming clearly recognized as the premiere provider of the most important documents for those interested in genealogical research," Baugh said.

Baugh said the 1880 U.S. Census benefits not only The Church of Jesus Christ, but also all Americans researching family history.

"The records have always been there, but now they are organized in a way that makes the information much easier to find," he said.

Baugh cautioned that genealogical researchers should continue to be responsible in double-checking all of their information.

Diane Parkinson, director of the Utah Valley Regional Family History Center, located on the second floor of the Harold B. Lee Library, said she received a copy of the 1880 U.S. Census Monday and plans to have it installed and ready to use this week.

The new database is the largest census to be automated to date, and is the culmination of 17 years and 11.5 million hours of work.

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s the scriptures encourage learning, some subjects be approached with cau- cause they may drive the way, Garner said.

—*Sarah Bastian*

WORLD

EC members eave oil out- unchanged

NA, Austria — OPEC s have informally agreed e their official oil output ged, but to meet again nth to assess the impact of suspension of crude the Iranian oil minister sday.

Oil Minister Bijan Nam- ngeneh spoke after an l, two-hour meeting in of delegates from the ization of Petroleum g Countries.

if the cartel had reached ion on whether to adjust production, he told ers: "The decision is ged.'"

geneh said the group to meet again on July 3 to market conditions as a Iraq's decision to halt its lion barrels in daily oil Iraq suspended its ship- onday.

bin Saif Al-Nasseri, oil for the United Arab Emi- nfirmed that OPEC would emergency meeting in the k of July.

—*Associated Press*

WORLD

alese police ose curfew void riots

ANDU, Nepal — Police d a second curfew in capital Tuesday to pre- otests against King Gya- and a probe into the assacre that put him on one failed to start as

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U.S. productivity rate mired in slump

WASHINGTON — American workers' productivity, a key ingredient to economic prosperity, posted its worst quarterly showing since 1993 during the first three months of the year.

Gains in productivity are considered the key to rising living standards because they allow wages to increase without triggering inflation that would eat up those wage gains. If productivity falters, pressures for higher wages could force companies to raise prices, thus worsening inflation.

"I think it is a temporary setback caused by the economic slowdown. I don't think the decline in productivity will last for a prolonged time," said Richard Yamarone, economist with Argus Research Corp.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan predicted productivity would weaken as the economy slowed, but suggested the lull would be only temporary. Greenspan indicated that massive investments by businesses in computers and other productivity-enhancing equipment in recent years have permanently improved the outlook for productivity.

Blockbuster moves to settle 23 lawsuits

DALLAS — Blockbuster Inc. is proposing to issue millions of coupons for free video rentals to settle 23 class-action lawsuits accusing the company of charging exorbitant late fees.

In court documents, the world's largest video rental chain said the face value of the coupons would be about $460 million.

"We don't think we've done anything wrong. Everything we've done has been in our customers' interest, and we're not going to change our practices," said Ed Stead, Blockbuster general counsel.

Under the plan given preliminary approval by a Texas judge, customers who were charged late or non-return fees on videos between 1992 and April 1 could get coupons for rentals and other discounts.

Stead said the settlement would cost the company less than $45 million because many coupons won't be used.

A Dec. 10 hearing is scheduled on the settlement offer.

Father pleads no contest to negligence

PARK CITY, Utah — A father whose 2-year-old son froze to death after being left in a pickup truck while the man went hunting pleaded no contest Tuesday to negligent homicide.

Paul Wayment's plea could result in up to a year in jail and a $2,500 fine, but Summit County Attorney Robert Adkins told 3rd District Judge Robert K. Hilder he would not ask for jail time.

Wayment, 38, left his son, Gage, alone in a pickup Oct. 26 while he scouted a private hunting area in northeastern Utah. When Wayment returned to his truck 40 minutes to an hour later, his son had vanished, he said.

After a five-day search that was hampered by a snowstorm, a volunteer rescuer found Gage's body under 2 to 4 inches of snow. An autopsy determined the boy died from hypothermia.

Adkins said he was satisfied with the no-contest plea.

"I think it would be personally difficult for me to argue for jail time," Adkins said. "He lost his son, and under the circumstances, I'm sure he has suffered." Sentencing was set for July 17.

Officer on trial for Cold War espionage

TAMPA, Fla. — The highest-ranking U.S. military officer ever arrested for spying charges went on trial Tuesday with a prosecutor saying the defendant was once No. 1 on the Kremlin's list of intelligence sources during the Cold War.

In opening statements at Army Reserve, Col. George Trofimoff's espionage trial, federal prosecutor Walter Furr said Trofimoff delivered more than 50,000 pages of documents to the KGB during a 25-year spying career.

Among the information Trofimoff allegedly passed to the Soviets: details on U.S. battle plans, briefs of chemical and biological weapons and lists of information needed by U.S. intelligence officers.

Trofimoff, 74, faces a life sentence if convicted.

Trofimoff has denied the spying accusations. His lawyer, Daniel Hernandez, said Trofimoff was so strapped for cash that he made up the fantastic tales of Cold War espionage to collect reward money an undercover agent offered.

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sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

— *Amos 3:3*

Sarah Hancock, 21, a senior from Redlands, Calif., majoring in recreational management and youth leadership, likes this scripture because "when you're married, you have to get along in order to make it through life together."

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CIA head to go to Middle East

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, saying there has been progress toward easing violence in the Middle East, dispatched CIA Director George Tenet to the region Tuesday to talk to Israeli and Palestinian security experts in an effort to promote a lasting cease-fire.

"We believe enough progress has been made on the cease-fire that it is time to send George Tenet to the Middle East to start serious discussions at the security level about how to make sure the cease-fire continues," the president said. "I'm very hopeful that this step will be ... part of building confidence in the region ... between skeptical leaders."

Answering questions during an education meeting with lawmakers, Bush said, "We believe strongly we need to stop the cycle of violence before anything can happen" to create peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

At the State Department, spokesman Richard Boucher praised Yasser Arafat for taking positive steps. "The situation appears to be headed in the right direction."

For Tenet, it is a return to the high-profile role assigned him by the Clinton administration. Partly in response to Israeli objections, the Bush administration had decided at the outset to limit CIA involvement in day-to-day diplomacy.

But Boucher said "there is a different situation" now and Tenet will work with William Burns, a seasoned American diplomat who is in overall charge in the area.

Boucher said that while top security officials would see Tenet, there was no certainty that his discussions would be three-way or that he would meet with Israelis and Palestinians separately.

Last week, U.S.-hosted security talks between the two sides were hampered when top Palestinian experts, despite a promise by Arafat, boycotted the talks.

The disclosure of Tenet's assignment followed an appeal by Secretary of State Colin Powell to Arafat to arrest those responsible for the Tel Aviv nightclub bombing over the weekend that killed 20 Israelis.

Boucher said Wednesday he did not know if any arrests h[illegible] been made.

In a telephone call after a White House strategy session, Powell insisted that the Palestinian leader "undertake a 100 percent effort against violence and terrorism," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Monday.

Powell also called Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who has held fire despite outcries from Israelis that he retaliate for the bombing and a string of other attacks by Palestinian militants.

To Sharon, Powell expressed his support and encouragement for continued Israeli restraint and assured the Israeli, who is leery of Arafat's intentions, that the Bush administration would not push for reopened negotiations until the environment is right.

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tudent starts college at 13

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ara Ann Austin started her year of college on the same as every other BYU fresh- except that she was five early.

lay at 14, Laura Austin from Ridge, Utah County, is a omore and was recently oted into the BYU broadcast alism program.

ople sometimes think I'm a us and that I don't have to , but that is not true," she "The reason I get good s is because I study."

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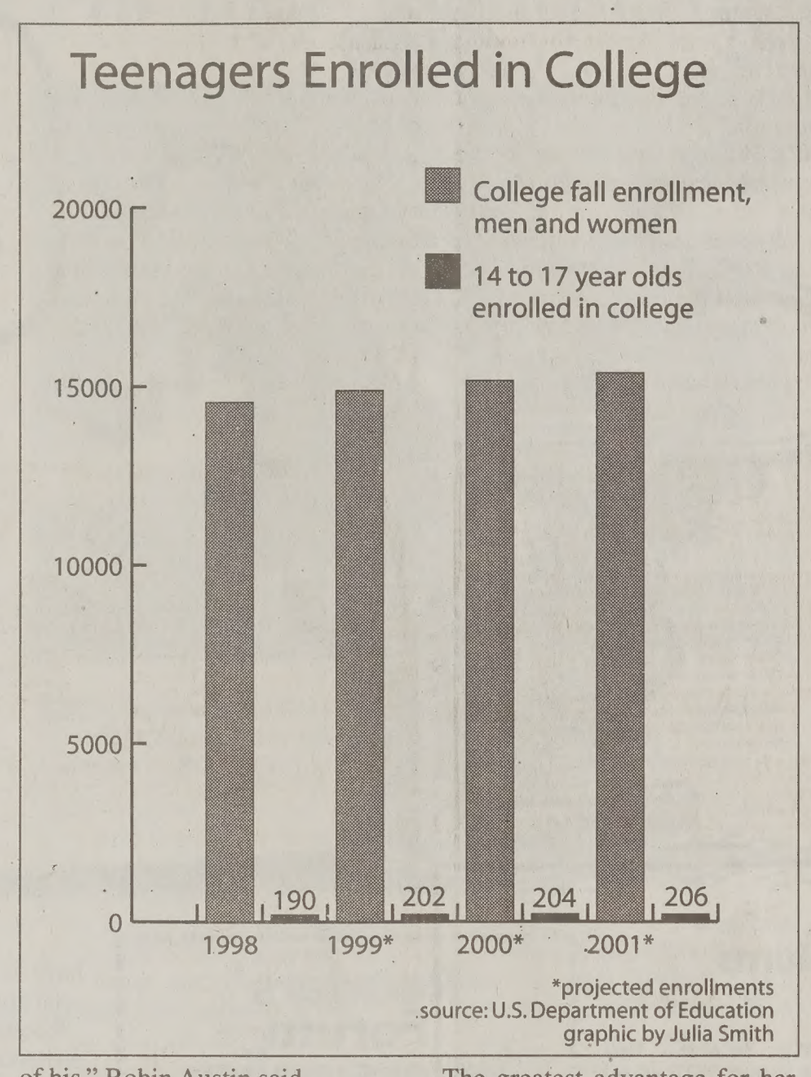

She said she and her husband felt there would be no reason to hold the children back if they were ready to go forward.

Robin Austin said she does not think her children are especially gifted; they were just ahead of their peers because they started earlier.

Robin Austin said she started teaching the alphabet to Laura and Ben when they were a year old. By the time they were two they knew the alphabet.

"I didn't know what kids were supposed to be learning at a certain age, so whatever they showed interest in, that's the way we went," Robin Austin said.

The greatest advantage for her children is that they can move at their own pace and that they have the freedom to choose what they want to focus on, she said.

The only disadvantage with home schooling is that children might not be able to be a part of group things that are offered through the public schools.

"But I don't see socialization as a problem, especially not in a LDS community," Robin Austin said.

Laura Austin said she does not feel like she missed out on anything by not going to school with her peers.

"I spend time with people my own age at church," she said.

First edition pages for sale

By Emiko Lowe
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Pieces of the history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have found a new home at the BYU Bookstore.

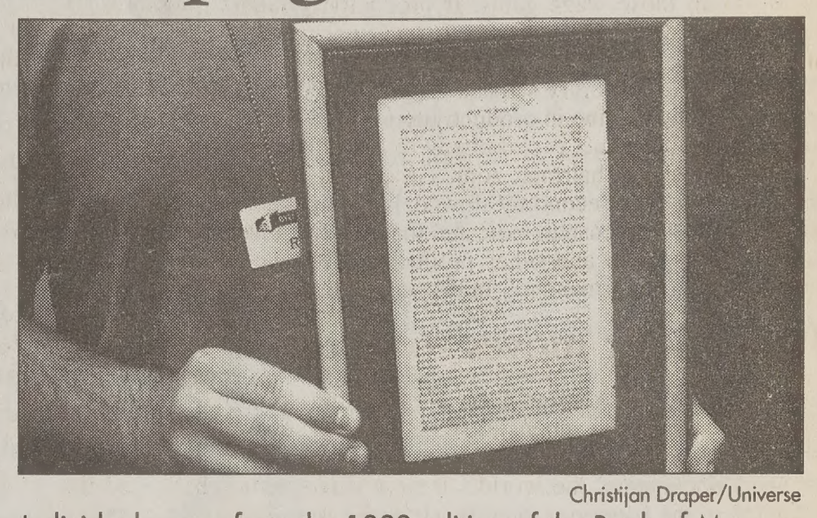
Individual pages from the first edition of the Book of Mormon published in 1830 are now on sale at the BYU Bookstore, said Val Ugolini, art and frame supervisor and buyer for the BYU Bookstore.

The price of the pages ranges from $909.95 to $1089.95.

Ugolini said the BYU Bookstore bought seven pages of an original copy of the Book of Mormon from Lance Hellewell of Bainbridge Collectors Company.

Hellewell, a collector of rare and ancient art, said the decision to sell individual pages of the book stemmed from the book's poor condition.

"This copy was falling apart and missing some important pages, so there was not really much we could do with it," he said. "We decided to segment the book and have each page washed and de-acidified."



Christijan Draper/Universe

Individual pages from the 1830 edition of the Book of Mormon can now be purchased at the BYU Bookstore.

One of the seven pages for sale is the book's title page.

Ugolini said the original owner of this copy of the Book of Mormon was John Hill of Boonton, N.J., who was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Who knows what this book went through. It is a treasure," Ugolini said.

"Translation commenced in 1829 and was completed about June 30, 1829. We believe E.B. Grandin began setting type for The Book of Mormon on August 26, 1829," said Louis Crandall, curator of Crandall Historical Printing Museum.

E.B. Grandin published 5,000 copies in his print shop in Palmyra, N.Y.; they were sold for around a dollar and a quarter, Crandall said.

Alex Baugh, assistant professor of church history and doctrine, said photo-static copies of the 1830 edition have been reproduced and are readily available, but original copies are very valuable.

Department chair steps down

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Laurie Wilson, Communication Department chair, is stepping down from her position and returning to her love — teaching students.

She said her resignation is a personal decision.

Wilson, who has assisted in most of the decision-making in the communications program, said she feels it is time for a new leader.

"Someone with a fresh view and a new approach will take us to a new level," Wilson said.

The new chair will be selected from current communications faculty. Newell K. Dayley, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communications, said he hopes to have a new chair appointed by Fall Semester.

Wilson has served as chair for nearly four and a half years.

"She has done more for fund raising then any other chair in the department," said Ed Adams, associate chair in the Communications Department.

Wilson has worked hard to accumulate alumni, generate funds for scholarships and bring awareness about the program, he said.

"It has been a lot of fun to work with her," Adams said.

Dayley said, "She's been a most effective chair, balanced and fair."

"We regret that other pressing professional commitments require that she takes this step," he said.

Wilson will stay with BYU as a faculty member.

She said she is excited to return to the classroom teaching public relations and graduate classes.

"I can teach and mentor and do what I came here to do," Wilson said.

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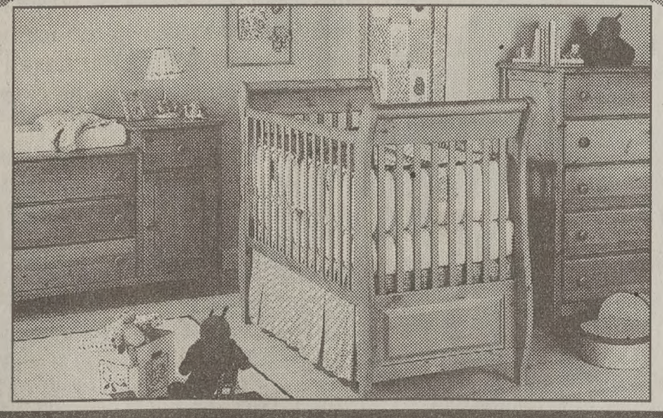
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Blackout is misguided

Environmentalists are hoping that on June 21 an artificial blackout will roll from one side of Greenwich, England to the other, but not before passing over the entire world. Organizers have invited the world to roll its own blackout from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the first day of summer. Apparently the goal is to protest President George W. Bush's energy policy and, in the process, convince him that his constituents are suddenly ready to take conservation seriously.

It will be a miracle if anyone, especially the president, takes the event seriously.

In general Americans are as accepting of conservation as they are of failure. Indeed, most would define conservation as a sort of failure; a failure to maintain the American lifestyle, which, by popular consensus, is the only lifestyle worth maintaining.

Not that the blackout is without merit, it has potential. The protest however should not be directed at Bush's energy and environmental agenda, but rather at the standard of living that has made the agenda a necessity. Indeed, if Bush has failed the environment, he is in good company. Even Clinton and Gore, arguably the most environmentally conscious presidency in history, did nothing to convince Americans that they can consume less than they do.

It's not surprising that the 5 percent of the world that lives in the United States, which by some estimates consumes over 25 percent of the worlds energy, does not look kindly on conservation. Still, until someone does what no other person has done — reduce America's energy demands — the environment will be subject to consumers. And as long as consumers vote, U.S. presidents will protect them. That means drilling in the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge, increasing nuclear power production, and in general doing whatever else is necessary to get SUVs from here to there as cheaply as possible.

The most this demonstration can hope to do is convince somebody that conservation is a necessity rather than a radical alternative. And that is exactly what environmentalist ought to be trying to do instead of blaming a new president for an old problem.

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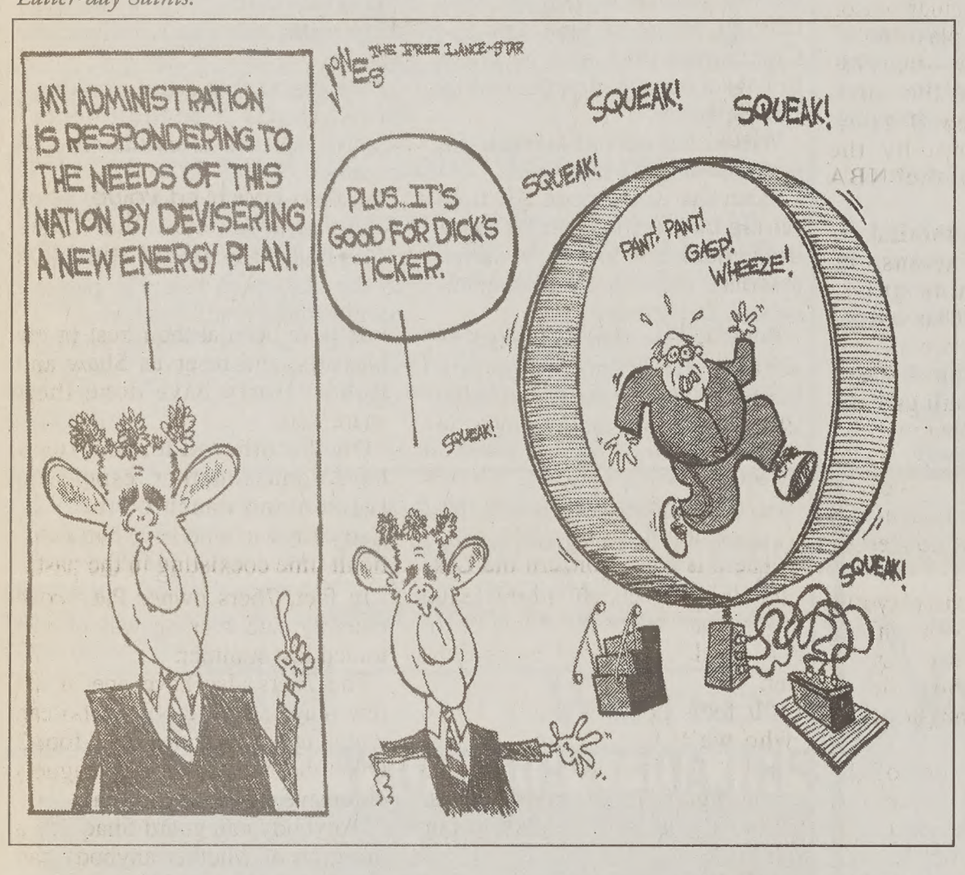

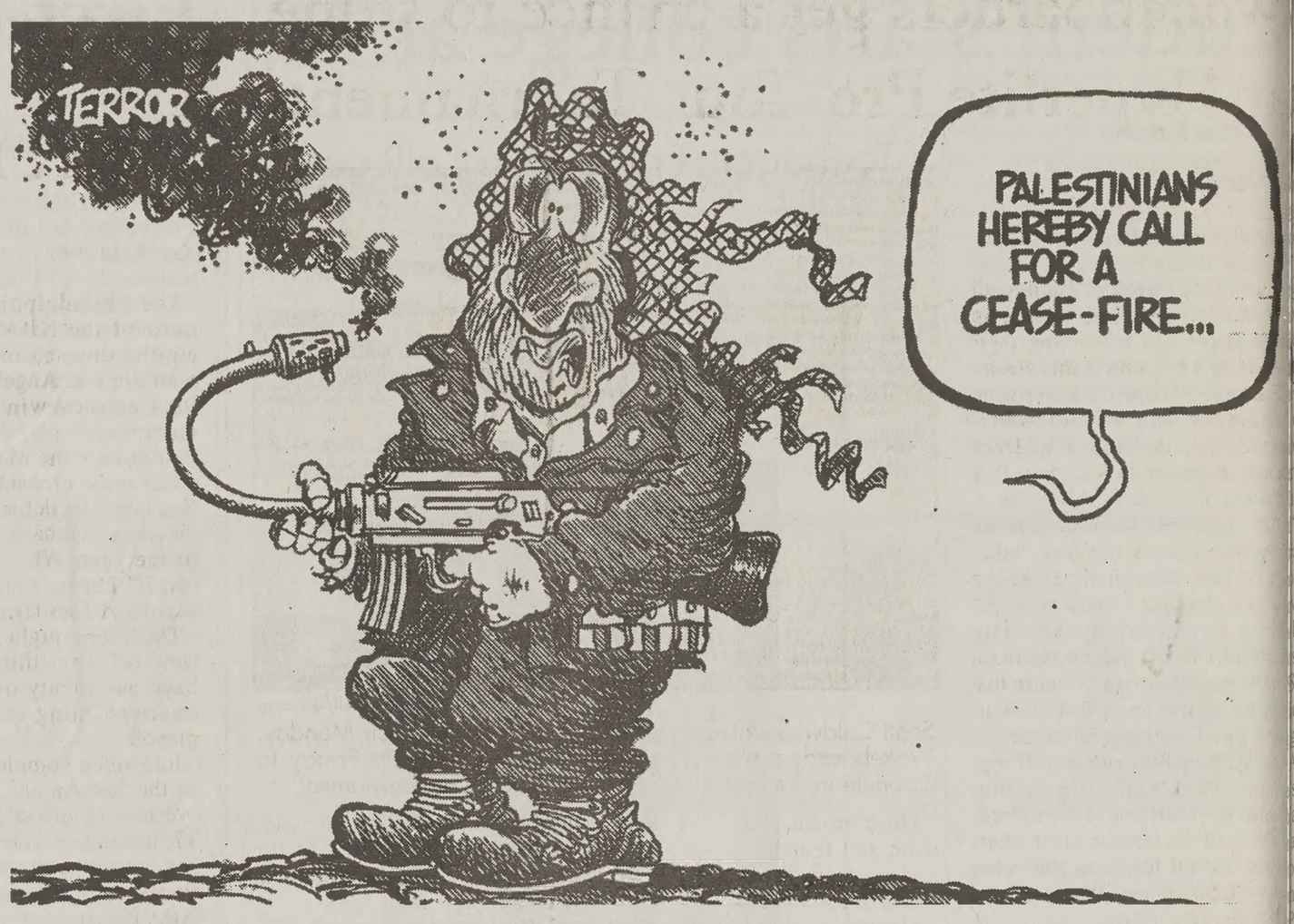

Elian returns

Dear Editor,

We read with great interest the Thursday edition of the Universe. Everyday, we look forward to the hard-hitting stories and world events that are regularly found in the pages of BYU's newspaper.

Thursday's edition was no exception. The late-breaking story on the last page concerning the Elian Gonzalez saga left us worried about the young boy's condition.

Imagine. being kept from your place of birth for over a year and a half! Personally, we were under the impression that Elian had already been sent home.

We wish to thank the Universe and its staff for their insightful newsgathering that corrected our false belief that this issue had been resolved a year ago.

By the way, we've recently heard a great deal of noise about some sort of bombing in Pearl Harbor! You might want to cover that story as well.

Steve Bitner
Sandy

Michael Dorrough
Hillsboro, Ore.

Stuart Forbes
Argyle, N.Y.

Rachel Kirkland
Sylacaugh, Ala.

Editor's Note:
Woops. The Elian Gonzalez story in Thursday's Universe appeared there by error. In one of the quirks of technology, the story, more than a year old, was floating in NewsNet computer systems, waiting to ambush readers. Another wire story (somewhat more timely) was slated for that position, but the Gonzalez story appeared from the ether in its stead. Elian is back, living with his father in Cuba and is not likely to return to the US to visit relatives anytime soon, observers say. The Universe regrets the tardiness of the article.

Bush's girls

Dear Editor,

If the press doesn't go after Bush for being a lousy father and a bad (read "drunken") role model, then we can forever retire the expression mainstream liberal press.

The Bush twins' bumbling wouldn't be as big a deal if this sanctimonious boob hadn't gotten on his high horse about honor, integrity, decency and family values.

Somebody once said that the problem with a high horse is that you can fall, and it's a long way down. (Falling is also the danger when you jump on a bandwagon, and people who do usually blame the driver.)

Yesterday on his radioshow, Sean Hannity said the Bush Twins' busts for underage drinking were — his words, not mine — "a rite of passage."

I was never busted for underage drinking. Speeding tickets, yes. Parking tickets, sure. But not drinking.

Did I miss a rite of passage?

Hannity also said, "A child is a child." On a show a couple of weeks ago, he rejoiced in the conviction for murder of a 14-year-old who was tried as an adult.

Is a child a child, or is a child not a child? Which is it, Sean? Let me get this straight: A 14-year-old who shoots and kills his teacher knew what he was doing and should be tried as an adult. Chelsea Clinton, once she turned 18, was "an adult" and "fair game for criticism."

Jenna Bush, 19, is arrested for drinking under the age of 21, and she's a child. Monica Lewinsky, when she was 21, was a young girl who was led astray by a dirty old man.

John Kennedy, when he was 43, was too young to be President. Henry Hyde, when he was 45, broke up a marriage with his adultery, and, years later, called it a youthful indiscretion.

Bill Clinton, when he was 46, was too young to be President. Ronald Reagan, when he was 73, was not too old to be President. Bob Dole, when he was 73, was not too old to be President. Strom Thurmond, who is 98, is not too old to serve in the U.S. Senate.

You know what that's called? Fuzzy math!

Bridget Gibson
Worth, Mo.

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Tony trauma

Dear Editor,

I am a junior in the theatre program, and I really enjoy the articles in The Universe. I especially love to catch the opinions of my fellow students as they write articles on the current events.

However, as I read through the newspaper this morning, I was extremely disappointed to see that there was no coverage on the Tony Awards that took place on Sunday night.

I thought that with all of the hype that the media has been giving Mel Brooks' new musical "The Producers", and the record breaking 12 Tony's that the musical won, that there would at least have been an article covering it.

BYU is one of the only school's outside of New York and Los Angeles that has a reputable musical theatre program, and our acting and misc. theatre classes are just as professional.

If no one else, I know that these students and faculty members would have enjoyed an article on the Tony's or "The Producers." Also, I feel that a lot of times, BYU as a whole is only concerned about the Provo "bubble", but there is life outside of Provo.

I hope that in the future, an event such as this can be for the interest of the BYU audience.

Curt R. Jensen
Salt Lake City

No gun control

Dear Editor,

In your recent article on gun control, a few statements were made that I find fault with.

In the article is was said that those who own guns "control by gun" others who are not so armed. It also states that we "wave [our] guns around."

This is already a violation of state law 76-10-506 which states that drawing or exhibiting a dangerous weapon is a class A misdemeanor.

A criminal by definition is one who does not obey the law. What good will passing more laws do to prevent criminal behavior? It only limits those who obey laws.

Enforcement of the laws we currently have is a better method to achieve th security proponents of gun control crav

Recently, Australia banned the priva ownership of guns. The result: a 400 pe cent increase in violent crime. Is this t goal of the gun control advocate?

A little background on gun law Referencing state law 53-5-704: obtain a permit to carry a conceale weapon, a person must: Be 21 years age; Have two character references; Pa a background check conducted by t Bureau of Criminal Identification of t State of Utah and the Federal Bureau Investigation; Provide two sets of finge prints; Provide a five year employme history; Provide a five year residenti history; Provide evidence of familiari with type of firearm to be conceale including current laws, usually by takir a class on firearms by a state certifi instructor.

A few reasons a permit could be deni include: Felony conviction; Crime of vi lence; Offense involving alcohol; Dr offense; Offenses of moral turpitu (theft, embezzlement, prostitution, adu tery, lewd behavior); Domestic violenc Judged mentally incompetent; Histo which shows you could be a threat yourself/others (threats of suicide or vi lence)

The Division of Public Safety reviev the application and also can look at juv nile records which have been sealed determine whether the application will granted.

Gun control proposes to protect us fro those who offer no threat. Safety fro violence will result from enforcement current laws, rather than passing ne laws that offenders ignore and defy. L us stand for the freedoms our ancesto gave us.

Tony Park
Provo

Volleyball kudos

Dear Editor,

Let's celebrate a 2nd national champ onship! Go men's volleyball.

I couldn't believe it when there wasn victory celebration after the first Men Volleyball National Championship 1999. I was thoroughly disgusted wh there wasn't one after the seco National Championship.

After football and basketball, volleyb has the biggest following, with thousan of fans. It's unlikely that we will wi National Championship in football aga and highly unlikely that we will ever w one in basketball so why in the wo don't we celebrate this second victory?

Furthermore, I think that we shou especially honor Hector Lebron. After he led BYU to two Natio Championships with his superb setti abilities.

Coach Carl McGown deserves a lot the credit too. I think he is one of the b volleyball coaches in the nation and t best coach at BYU, after Lavell Edwar of course, and now that he is retired, t makes McGown the best!

Does anyone else have two natio championships against opponents such national powers UCLA and USC?

I'm graduating in August and two of highlights of my undergraduate exper ence are the two National Championsh the Men's Volleyball team has won.

Let's have a celebration. I would like come and honor the team. Even if I already graduated by then. It may be w to wait until fall semester so that 30,000 students can join in the celebra tion.

Even if BYU as a whole doesn't appr ciate the significance of two Natio Championships, I do. I'm proud that happened while I was here.

I'm a big fan of men's volleyball think it's just as exciting as men's bask ball, personally. And it has many m All-Americans from BYU. I wish me volleyball continued success.

Peter Fred Larsen,

VIEWPOINT

Cumorah promises spirit

Looking forward to summer is normal for any kid excited to get out of school, but from the time I was nine summer has had an added bonus: The Hill Cumorah Pageant. As I walk around campus and smell the fresh cut grass and feel the sun radiate through my skin, I'm taken back to those many happy summers I spent sweating on the huge outdoor stage as I practiced my small part in the grandiose production.

The Hill Cumorah Pageant is a play of the Book of Mormon, starting with Lehi preaching in Jerusalem and ending with Joseph Smith sharing his testimony of Jesus Christ. It is performed the first two weeks in July on the Hill Cumorah, a few miles south of Palmyra, N.Y., which is just 45 minutes from my home.

Bringing the story of the Book of Mormon to life is no easy task. It requires more than 600 men, women and children to comprise the cast, more than 100 staff members including directors, battle masters (to design the battle scenes), costume designers and lighting technicians, and two weeks of hard work.

Alecia Burningham

Advanced Reporter

The Hill Cumorah is turned into an amazing seven-level stage by 24 teenage boys a few days before the cast arrives. Technically, the Pageant is equivalent to a Hollywood production because it includes an exploding volcano, a waterfall and Christ appearing, suspended in the nighttime sky.

To any normal person, it would seem impossible to bring so many people together to put together such a technical and large-scale pageant, in just under a week. It is amazing what people who have a righteous purpose can accomplish and I feel honored to have experienced this phenomenon so many times in my life. My favorite feeling is when the cast completes the first run-through, just three days after casting, because everyone is completely pulled together by a common goal and a Zion-like community forms.

My experiences at Hill Cumorah are what helped me to mature spiritually. Before performances, I would proselyte with a companion, talking with audience members about my testimony of the Book of Mormon and inviting them to have a free copy.

Those early missionary experiences became the foundation of my testimony and my desire to share the gospel. Since my first referral when I was nine, I have always wanted to serve a mission, and my recent call to the Ukraine Kiev mission is a fulfillment of those dreams born at Hill Cumorah.

I experienced many other character-building challenges at Pageant. As a cast member, I spent considerable time serving my community, doing everything from cutting shrubbery on highway overpasses to tearing down walls in historic homes being renovated. Serving became something I enjoyed as I worked with my friends as a representative of Jesus Christ.

Cast members are required to be extremely disciplined. There are three devotionals a day, required rehearsal times, service projects to complete and many rules to obey. The pageant would never come together if even one of the cast members does not follow the schedule. The blessings of obedience became obvious to me and I will never doubt the importance of following leaders who have a greater vision than we do.

My experiences at Hill Cumorah also helped my inept social skills by forcing me to become close friends with people I had never met before. Often these friends became my family, and as we shared our testimonies, played many games and enjoyed the Spirit together, life-lasting friendships were created.

The Hill Cumorah Pageant is an event everyone should experience if given the opportunity. I will never forget the piercing of my heart as I used to sit on that stage in complete darkness and watch the Savior suddenly appear in a bright white light.

That memory, combined with the service, discipline, missionary experiences, testimony meetings, friends and the intense study of the Book of Mormon, is my foundation for everything good I desire to accomplish or be in this life.

Wakeboarders get a chance to shine at Hyperlite Pro Tour Tournament

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NewsNet Sports Writer

alling all boarders. Calling all rders. Utahans are juicing up r boots and tightening their dings for a contest this week. ark's Sportsman is sponsoring Hyperlite Pro Tour Wake-rding Tournament at Deer ek Reservoir's Rainbow Bay une 8.

t allows us to showcase the t talent of the state in wake-rding," said Randy Park, the ner of Park's. "It also gives er people an opportunity ead of just watching it on PN that they can go there live be 30 feet away from watch-guys get 30 feet in the air."

team of four riders will rep-ent Park's and Hyperlite. dison Galland, Ryan Pole-n, Ed Penneger and Matt k are all locals on the team ride together often.

nneger said the four like to out to Lake Mead and work their routines.

his weekend I worked on ing my tricks back down and ing a few," he said.

oleman, who has been riding four or five years, has com-ed the past two years finish-in the top three in the major-of the tournaments. He said does not have expectations in upcoming event.

'm going to blaze out there, some tricks and hopefully d them," Poleman said. hoever stays standing up n some good tricks should ."

Joanna Caldwell/Universe

Scott Caldwell wakeboards on Deer Creek Reservoir Monday. Wakeboarders from all over Utah will come here Friday to compete in the Hyperlite Pro Tour Wakeboard Tournament.

The contest is for all ages, male and female, professionals and amateurs. There will be four levels of competition.

The beginner and intermediate levels cost $20 to register. The advanced and outlaw levels require a $30 registration fee.

The outlaw division is for sponsored pros. Registration takes place at Park's.

Riders get two attempts to land their tricks and impress the judge. Five Mastercraft boats will tow the riders. Four winners in each division will be awarded a trophy.

Park urges everyone to come watch, enjoy and learn.

"It allows the opportunity to see people pushing the envelope and giving them new tricks to try themselves that they might have never seen before," he said.

The new tricks seen at the event can be tried out the next two days.

Following the wakeboarding contest there will be two days of demo-ing with Hyperlite and Liquid Force boards and also HO skis.

Hyperlite's main attraction will be seeing Daniel Harf, the 2000 Rookie of the Year, up close. He was ranked No. 8 in Wakeboarding Magazine's readers' poll and designed one of the best selling pro-model boards in the history of wakeboarding.

Harf will judge the event and give tips.

And if all goes well, the Hyperlite Tour will make Deer Creek an annual pit stop, Poleman said.

Stingers lose top pitcher to arm injury

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he Salt Lake Stingers are ding into some intense non-sion competition without one heir go-to pitchers—right der Steve Green.

fteen pitches into the first ing against the Portland vers on June 1, Green ched a pitch toward home e and immediately grabbed rm yelling in pain.

e Stingers ace said he felt a n near his elbow on his wing arm.

knew right away it wasn't a sore arm kind of thing," Green after the game. "I'm obably going to miss some . It hurts pretty bad."

een was sent to Anaheim on rday for an MRI and treat-t by Anaheim Angels team ors.

nday night, the results came nd revealed Green had a slightly torn flexor muscle in his pitching arm.

The flexor muscle runs the length of the forearm. The muscle is used to grip the ball and enhance control of high-action pitches.

After placing Green on the disabled list, team officials have said it is difficult to determine how long the injury will keep Green out of action.

Green's condition will be reevaluated in two weeks to check the progress of his rehabilitation and determine a comeback date.

The Salt Lake Stingers have really depended on Green this season, since he was the first six game winner on the pitching staff.

Green has posted a 3.66 Earned Run Average in 10 games and has compiled a 6-2 record.

Green has held opponent's batting average to .257, and has also contributed a complete game this season.

With the loss of Green, the Stingers are left with only 10 pitchers on their roster.

Manager Garry Templeton is hopeful the Stingers will add one more pitcher to their staff in short order.

"Right now we're going to go with ten," Templeton said. "We should have somebody in here in about a couple of days."

As for now, the Stingers are looking for some of the pitchers on their staff to step up and fill the role.

Relief pitcher Jim Bruske showed some promise as he replaced Green on June 1.

Bruske shut down the Portland Beavers and gave up only one run in four innings.

The Stingers now face several series against non-divisional foes with the Western Division leading Tacoma Rainiers and the Southern Division leading Tucson Sidewinders topping the list.

Sixers racked up awards, Lakers want championship

Associated Press

The Philadelphia 76ers won most of the NBA's individual awards this season. That's fine with the Los Angeles Lakers, as long as they win the championship.

"You have the MVP over there, you have the coach of the year, you have the defensive player of the year, you have the sixth man of the year. What more do you want?" Lakers star Kobe Bryant wondered Tuesday.

The 76ers might ask for some time off, something the Lakers have had plenty of due to their overwhelming success in the playoffs.

Idle since completing a sweep of the San Antonio Spurs in the Western Conference finals May 27, the Lakers practiced Monday for the first time since learning they'd play Philadelphia in the NBA Finals.

A lengthy film session was planned for later in the day.

"We split the season series with them. We had identical records. Now it's time to find out who's the best team," Lakers reserve Brian Shaw said.

Most observers believe that will be the Lakers, who gathered momentum by winning their last eight games of the regular season and 11 straight in the playoffs.

Only one other team—the 1989 Lakers—has entered the finals without losing a playoff game, but they were swept by the Detroit Pistons in the NBA Finals.

Anything close to the Lakers being swept now seems the longest of long shots unless they're hit by injury. That was the case 12 years ago when starters Byron Scott and Magic Johnson injured their left hamstrings.

These Lakers, unbeaten since April 1, are quite healthy, save for Shaquille O'Neal's tweaked left ankle, an injury coach Phil Jackson said he's not concerned about.

The 76ers, 11-7 in the playoffs, but still alive, have been without starting forward George Lynch due to a broken foot for 10 games, although he might return next week.

Allen Iverson, winner of the MVP award, missed Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals with a sore tailbone, but is obviously better now, as evidenced by a 44-point performance in Game 7 of the conference finals on Sunday night.

Eric Snow is playing despite being hobbled by an injured ankle. Aaron McKie, winner of the sixth man award, is starting in his place.

"Because of Eric's ankle situation, they've been going with a different lineup," said Derek Fisher, who figures to be assigned to Iverson at the start of them. Now, the matchups are a Game 1. "It's been effective for little different."

The 76ers gathered at their practice facility in Philadelphia before flying to California on Monday. With almost 72 hours between games, they're in their longest layoff since mid-May.

There is some concern the Lakers' lengthy layoff might leave them rusty when the finals begin Wednesday night at Staples Center.

"It feels good to finally know who we'll be playing," Bryant said. "The coaching staff has done a good job of preparing us. Now, it's up to us to play to our ability."

"We'll be more than prepared for Wednesday."

The Lakers demolished San Antonio in the conference finals by an average of 22.3 points—difficult to imagine as recently as late March, when there was some question whether they'd have homecourt advantage in any playoff series, much less the finals.

O'Neal, the most dominant big man around, and Bryant, playing an unbelievable all-around game, have led the way.

Fisher, Horace Grant and Rick Fox have been at their best in the playoffs, and reserves Shaw and Robert Horry have done their share, too.

On the other side, the 76ers have come together, especially Iverson and coach of the year Larry Brown, who have had a difficult time coexisting in the past.

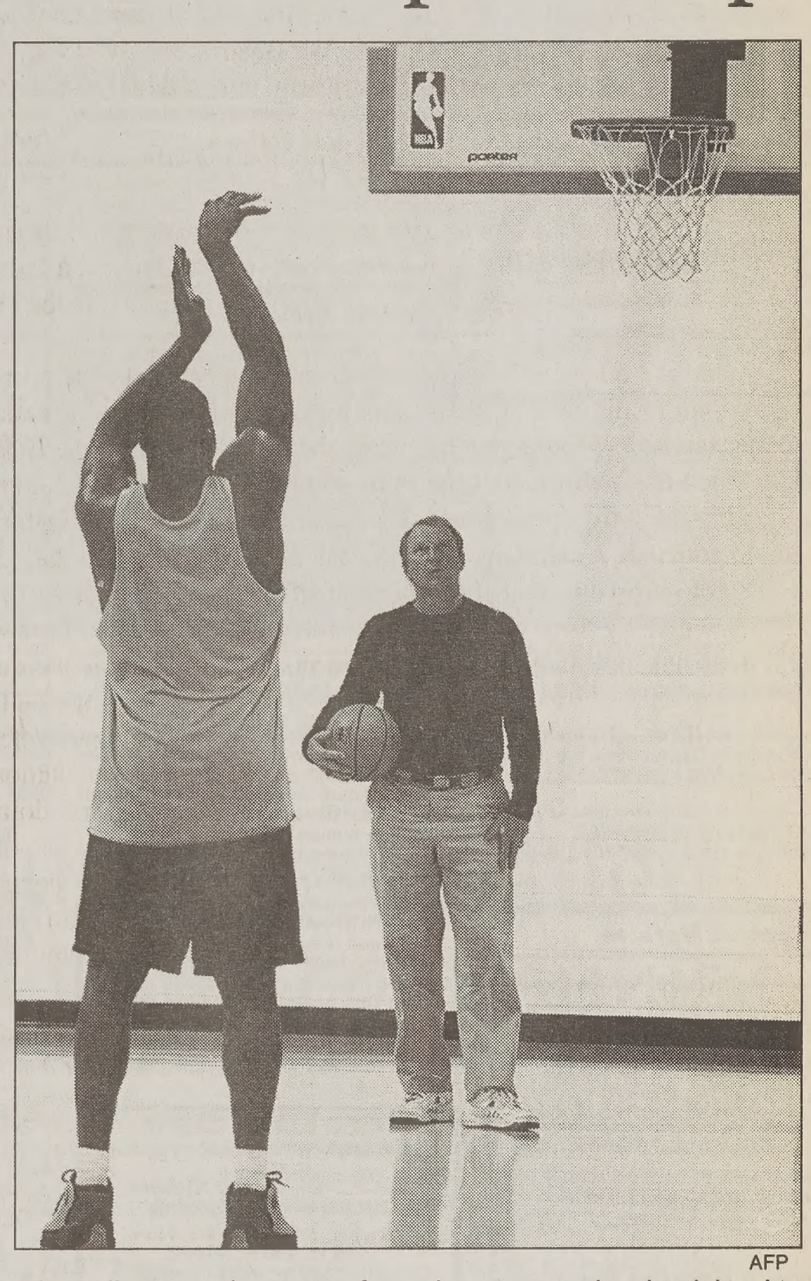
In fact, 76ers owner Pat Croce recently said Iverson was almost traded last summer.

The 76ers also have one of the few players in the NBA who can match up with O'Neal in 7-foot-2 Dikembe Mutombo, the league's defensive player of the year.

"Anybody can guard Shaq, it's a question of whether anybody can stop him," Horry said.

The Lakers have never lost a Game 1 since Jackson became their coach last season, posting double-digit victories in all but one of their seven series-opening games.

The 76ers are in the finals for the first time since 1983, when they swept the Lakers to give them a 12-1 record in the playoffs—best in league history.



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Shaquille O'Neal gets tips from shooting coach Ed Palubinskas while practicing free throws May 31 in Los Angeles. The Lakers will meet the Sixers on Wednesday in game one of the NBA Finals.

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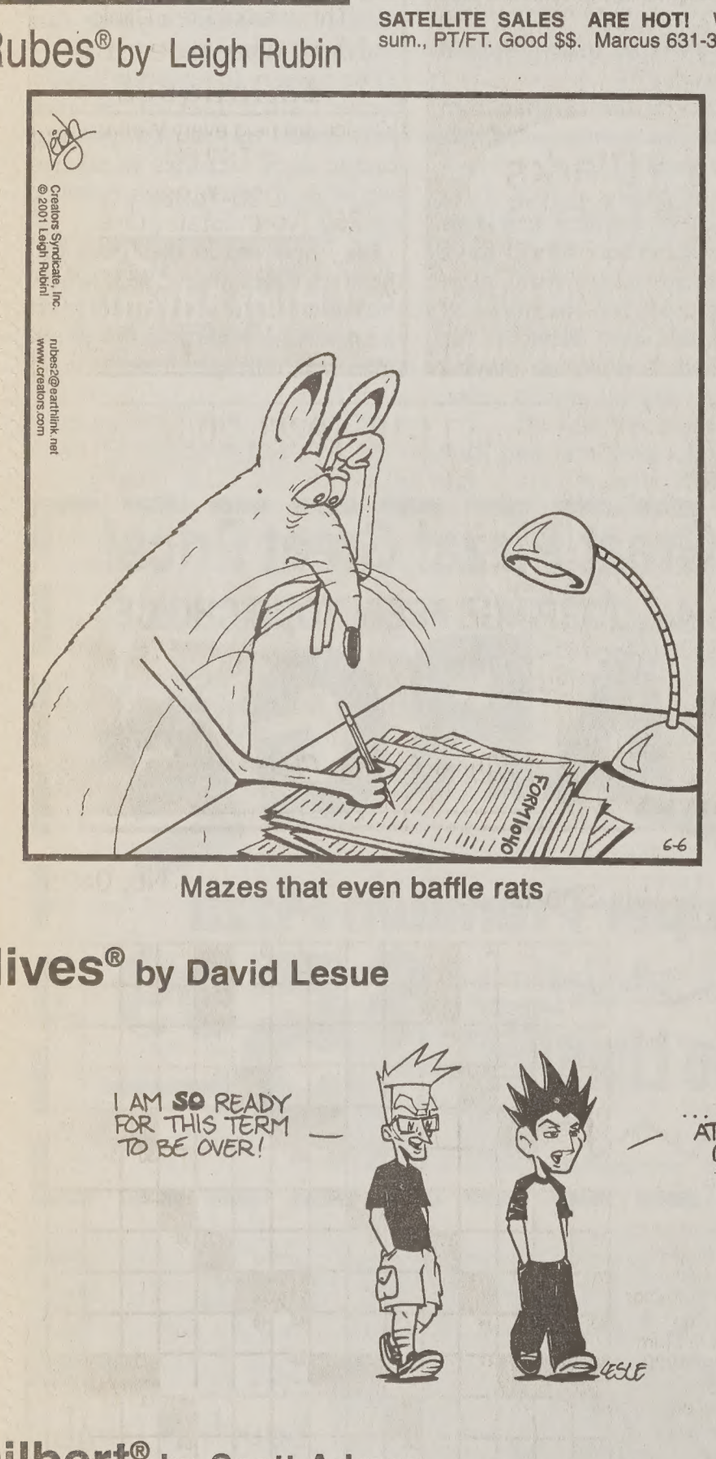

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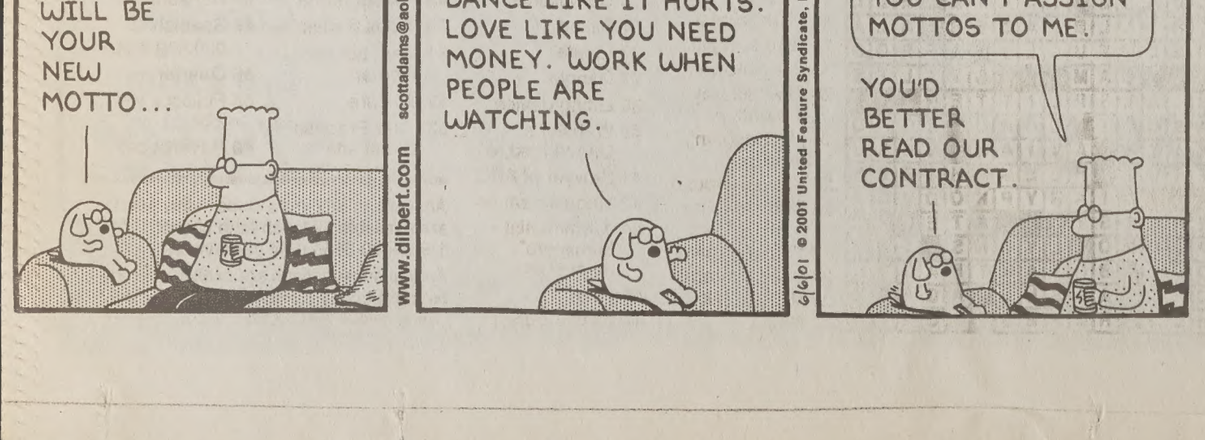
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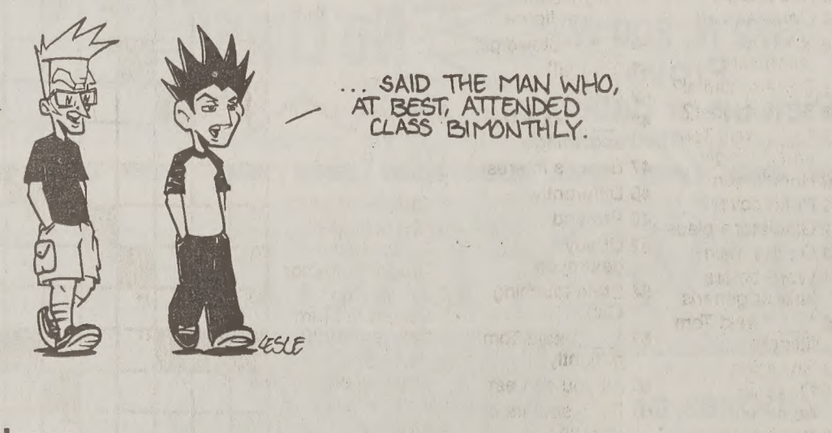

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Driving law aims to increase teen driver safety

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The National Safety Council has designated this week as Teen Driving Safety Week in efforts to reduce crash related deaths of teen drivers.

Robert Parenti, president of the National Safety Council, said teen drivers are involved in more motor vehicle crashes than any other age group.

Teens only make up less than 7 percent of the nation's licensed drivers, but they are involved in 14 percent of all fatal crashes.

"Speeding is the number one cause of these fatal crashes among teens," Parenti said.

"The faster you go, the harder the impact, and the higher likelihood of injury and death," he said. "It's just simple physics."

The new law in Utah does not allow a person to operate a vehicle with any passenger who is not an immediate family member for six months after the date the driver's license is issued, Parenti said.

The law also requires new drivers to complete 30 hours of supervised driving with a permit before receiving their actual licenses.

"The biggest thing the parents can do is to work with their children — drive with them, observe and help them get the experience they need in terms of proper operation of a motor vehicle," Parenti said.

Jackie McMurtrey, from South Jordan, said she feels confident about her daughter Rana receiving her license this July because of the new driving laws.

"I think it's a good rule," she said. "It gives them the experience they don't get in drivers education."

Rana McMurtrey said she does not like the new rule.

"I think people are going to drive just as bad if they have people in their car or not," she said. "They can be distracted just as easily by other things as by people."

According to a report from the National Safety Council, 65 percent of teen passenger deaths occur when another teenager is behind the wheel; 41 percent of these fatal crashes occur at night, between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Phil Webber, traffic enforcement officer for Provo, said the biggest problem with teenagers is that they put four or five of their friends in a car and start playing around instead of watching the road.

"Parents need to sit down at a family home evening and discuss with their kids their driving habits," he said.

John Ulczycki, communication manager for the National Safety Council, said driving skills are developed over a number of years.

"You are going to leave college with an education that is going to provide you a base to develop your skills," he said. "I look at drivers education very similarly, we all received the basics, but we really are still developing our skills."

Sometimes education and awareness are simply not enough, which is why the National Safety Council has just completed a nationwide crackdown on seat belt use, Ulczycki said.

"If you want to increase your chances of living substantially, wear your seat belt, if you want to increase your chances of dying substantially, don't wear your seat belt," he said.

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Mayoral election represents L.A.'s population change

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Antonio Villaraigosa, a product of the East Side barrio, faced City Attorney James Hahn on Tuesday in a bid to become Los Angeles' first Hispanic mayor since 1872.

It was the city's most fiercely contested mayoral race in decades and came at a time of rapid change in Los Angeles, with its ever-growing Hispanic population.

The nation's second-largest city has 15 percent of its black population over the past decade while its Hispanic population rose 24 percent. With nearly 4 million residents, Los Angeles is now 11 percent black and 46.5 percent Hispanic.

"This is a city that is in transition. This election is a gut check," said Antonio Gonzalez, president of the William C. Velasquez Institute. "Is L.A. ready to let new leadership assert itself, that happens to be Latino, that happens to represent the majority of the population?"

Villaraigosa and Hahn are both liberal Democrats who would represent a dramatic shift from the administration of Mayor Richard Riordan, a wealthy Republican businessman. Riordan, mayor since 1993, could not run again because of term limits and endorsed Villaraigosa.

Villaraigosa, 48, is a former speaker of the state Assembly and a one-time labor organizer. The son of a Mexican immigrant, he grew up on the rough streets of East Los Angeles.

He emerged from the crowded April 10 primary five points ahead of Hahn, 50, the city attorney since 1985 and the son of a famous Los Angeles political figure with an ardent following in the city's black community.

It was an outcome political observers did not predict a year ago, when Hahn was considered the candidate to beat and other contenders were seen as stronger than Villaraigosa.

But after the primary, Hahn attacked Villaraigosa relentlessly on public safety issues and tried to portray him as too liberal. A Los Angeles Times poll one week before the election gave Hahn a seven-point lead.

Villaraigosa finished first in the nonpartisan primary with strong support from liberals and Hispanics. He was endorsed by some heavyweights in the business community and had important voter-turnout help from unions.

Hahn's support was anchored in the largely black neighborhoods of South Los Angeles, in which his father, Kenneth Hahn, served as county supervisor.

Polls showed that after the primary, Hahn, who is white, succeeded in attracting the backing of many of the conservative voters who supported other candidates in the primary.

Los Angeles voters also chose five City Council members. Former state legislator and '60s radical Tom Hayden faced former federal prosecutor Jack Weiss for one seat.

A successor to Rep. Julian Dixon, who died of an apparent heart attack in December, was also chosen. The front-runner for the overwhelmingly Democratic congressional district, which covers the historic black community known as mid-city Los Angeles, was Diane Watson, the first black woman to serve in the California Senate.

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Local political organization works to inform community

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A local political organization, the Utah County Republican Women, is showing its spirit and making a difference in the community, according to Suzanne Merrill, historian and public relations associate for the UCRW.

A former member of a republican women's organizationin California,Merrill said she is glad to be apart of the organization and feels their voice has some influence.

"In California we couldn't make a dent," she said. "In Utah I feel we have a chance and the spirit to try."

The organization's goal is to continue to grow and instill a sense of republican ideals in the community, as well as show women how they can have a force in what is done there, Merrill said.

The Utah County Republican Women, a non-profit organization, has approximately 200 members and is the largest republican women's group in the state, said Millie Ashby, UCRW president.

The organization primarily focuses on recruiting republican women and encouraging the women to support republican ideals, Ashby said.

It keeps republican women informed about what is going on in their communities by sending monthly newsletters to group members.

Although the organization is not service oriented, it does support literacy programs and other programs throughout the state, Ashby said.

The organizations influence is mainly felt during election time, she said.

The association does a lot to help republican candidates' campaigns by pushing the candidates, Ashby said.

Pearl Rex Hartzel, program director of Utah County Republican Women since 1989, was recently inducted into the Republican Hall of Fame, Merrill said.

She said the National Federation of Republican Women's organization was founded in 1938 and was inspired by the Salt Lake County Republican women group, which began in 1899.

The organization began in 1980 and has grown substantially due to the fact that Utah County is the most conservative county in the nation, Merrill said. Later this month the organization will be holding its biennial garden party.

A deeper look at votes may show bias

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department should investigate the possibility of intentional discrimination in last year's elections in Florida, the chairwoman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights said.

Mary Frances Berry said Tuesday that she plans to request a meeting with Attorney General John Ashcroft and will recommend to the commission today that the Justice Department be asked to look into problems outlined in a commission report.

The report said thousands of Floridians were denied of their votes by outdated equipment, improper purging of voter rolls, language barriers and inadequate access to voting booths.

Black voters were disenfranchised by a disproportionate margin, according to the report, which has to be approved by the full commission. The vote is scheduled for Friday.

"We are asking the Justice Department and Mr. Ashcroft to look at the facts in our report and look at the remedy he should pursue," Berry said. "He should determine whether there was intentional discrimination.

Justice Department spokesman Dan Nelson said he will not comment on the commission's report because he had not seen it yet.

"What happened in Florida is that there was bipartisan disenfranchisement — Democrats who were county supervisors did not do what they were supposed to do, and neither did the governor nor the secretary of state," Berry said.

The report said the state's highest officials, singling out Republican Gov. Jeb Bush and Secretary of State Katherine Harris, were "grossly derelict in fulfilling their responsibilities and unwilling to accept accountability."

Charles Canady, general counsel for the governor, responded in a letter Tuesday that the report was flawed and rife with errors.

"The report grossly mischaracterizes the role of the governor and other state-level officials in overseeing the administration of elections in Florida," Canady said. "Although Governor Bush has taken a leadership role in reforming our state's election system, he clearly was not responsible for carrying out or overseeing the preparations for the November 2000 elections."

Bush said Tuesday he had not seen the report but the fact that it was leaked to the news media "points to the clear fact that this is a partisan group."

"They have admitted that there was no systematic effort to discriminate," the governor said, adding that Florida has responded to the election problems by creating a model system backed by a lot of money. "So I'm moving on," he said.

Fifty-four percent of votes rejected during the Florida election were cast by black voters, according to the report. Blacks accounted for 11 percent of voters statewide.

"The disenfranchisement was not isolated or episodic," said the report, the product of a six-month investigation. The commission held three days of hearings, interviewed 100 witnesses and reviewed 118,000 documents.

The commission is charged with investigating possible violations of the federal Voting Rights Act and other civil rights protections.

Florida officials and two members of the commission criticized the way the report was released. It was made available to three newspapers, The New York Times, The Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times.

The new Florida law requires that all counties have modern optical scan voting machines and stop using the punch-card machines that were the source of much controversy in the Florida vote recount. It also allows for provisional ballots for people who are not on voter lists but say they are eligible to vote. Election officials would later determine if the ballots were valid.

Commissioner Russell Redenbaugh, appointed by Republicans, was sharply critical of the report.

"Without any doubt, there's political motivation in this process," Redenbaugh said Tuesday. "The way this has been handled and released reflects poorly on the commission and diminishes the impact it will have.

"President Bush needs to act to produce new leadership on the Civil Rights Commission."

> **"We are asking the Justice Department and Mr. Ashcroft to look at the facts in our report and look at the remedy he should persue."**
>
> — Mary Frances Berry, chairwoman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

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1 "____" said Tom presently
5 Not chronic
10 Limey's quaff
14 N.Y.S.E. competitor
15 General denial?
16 Big partygoer?
17 "____" said Tom unremittingly
20 Hood's gun
21 Pond cover
22 Gladiator's place
23 On the main
24 Word before juris or generis
25 "____" said Tom fittingly
33 Snappish
34 Meadow denizen
35 Symbol of solidity
36 Suggestive
37 It was tested on Bikini, 1954
39 Polynesian amulet figure
40 "Little" Stowe girl
41 "Fudge!"
42 Baffler
43 "____" said Tom accordingly
47 Bettor's interest
48 Differently
49 Pretend
52 Utterly destroyed
54 State touching Can.
57 "____" said Tom patiently
60 All you can eat
61 Early settlers of Iceland
62 Top
63 Provokes splenetically
64 Emulates Babe Ruth
65 "____" said Tom haltingly

DOWN
1 Reagan cabinet member
2 Mme. Bovary
3 Let
4 Outside: Prefix
5 "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" director
6 Jackie who starred in "Tom Sawyer," 1930
7 Voice of America org.
8 It has a point
9 Work unit
10 "All in the Family" role
11 Ready for plucking
12 Saudi Arabia neighbor
13 Maja painter
18 Nice to nosh
19 Gray-brown
23 Aesthetically pretentious
24 Macedonian's neighbor
25 Spread around
26 Cry to anchor men
27 "Platoon" prize
28 Sandal strap
29 Many a skit actor
30 Complaints
31 Bilked
32 Evade
37 Dangle
38 Lifting device
39 Webster's Unabridged, e.g.
41 Sawyer of ABC
42 Linguine sauce
44 "Communist Manifesto" co-author
45 Feed
46 Gets around
49 Poodle name
50 Mideast ruler
51 Man, but not Woman
52 Be sure
53 Uttar Pradesh tourist site
54 Hankering
55 Spanish building topper
56 Quarter
58 Politicos with jobs
59 Raven's call

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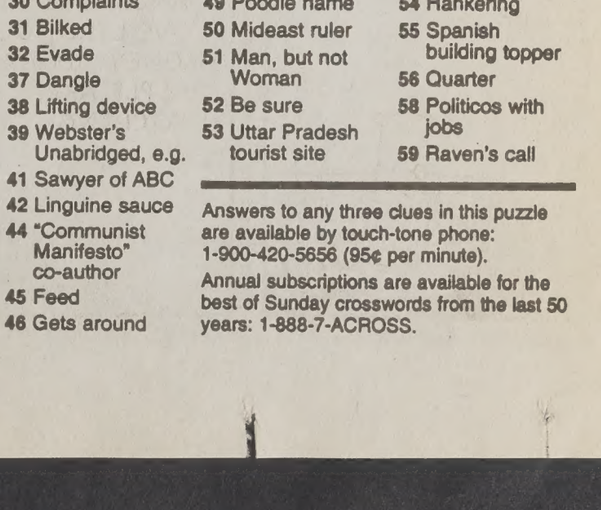

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Senate power shifts to Democrats

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans gaveled the Senate into session Tuesday on its final day under GOP control, amid signs the Democratic takeover of the chamber may not go smoothly.

Even so, President Bush predicted, "We can still get things done."

Bush met at the White House with Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont, whose decision to leave the GOP ranks marked the end of Republican control of the Senate, and other senators involved with education legislation.

At the Capitol, Sen. Michael Enzi, R-Wyo., in the chair as the day's session began, immediately recognized outgoing Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. Lott laid out the day's plan for debating the education bill, and said with a smile that he hoped the bill could be finished this week, "no matter what the circumstances may be."

Lott's reference was to today's shifting circumstances, when Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., will become majority leader and inherit that post's power to set the chamber's agenda.

Later, Bush said, "I think we have — I know we have — an opportunity to show the American people that, although the structure of the Senate may have been altered somewhat, we can still get things done in a way that's positive for America."

He said he was hopeful that agreements reached on his education package would survive the change in leadership.

"There's going to be a lot of give and take on issues," Bush said, but added, "I'm confident we'll be able to work together."

Thanks to Jeffords' decision to leave the GOP and become an independent, Tuesday marked the end of a GOP Senate reign that began in 1995. The Democratic takeover will mark the first time in history that the Senate has changed hands in a meaningful way in the midst of a session.

Jeffords received a standing ovation from Democratic senators as he joined them Tuesday for their weekly lunch, the first time he has done so. He made no comments to reporters.

Minutes earlier, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., visited Jeffords in his office in a last-ditch attempt to persuade him not to vote with Democrats in reorganizing the Senate even though he was becoming an independent. Jeffords told reporters that he spurned the request.

On the Senate floor, as if referring to the partisan differences that this week will underline, the Senate chaplain, Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie, used his opening prayer to discuss people with whom senators may disagree.

"Help us see them not as enemies, but as people who will help sharpen our edge," he said.

The looming Senate turnover prompted an immediate debate as Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., complained that majority Democrats have decided to put patients' rights legislation at the top of the chamber's agenda when the education bill is completed.

Lott had planned to make President Bush's energy package the Senate's next order of business.

Store contributes to Utah schools

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A new program, Earn & Learn, sponsored by Smith's Food & Drug has contributed $702,523 to Utah schools.

The program will benefit local children by providing funds for their education, said Jim Hallsey, president of Smith Food & Drug.

"Our Earn and Learn program impacts many families through the schools," Hallsey said. "Our customers know that by shopping with us for their family's needs, they will help their child's school as well."

Smith's customers participate in the program by going to any of the Smith's stores and simply signing up.

Smith's tracts how much each customer spends using his or her Fresh Values Card, Hallsey said.

Anywhere from 3 to 5 percent of the customer's money spent will be donated to the school of his or her choice.

Schools can earn up to $7,200 per year to put toward whatever it decides would benefit the children, said Marsha Gilford, assistant vice president in the Smith's Public Affairs department.

Funds provided by the new program have gone to give children opportunities they would not otherwise be able to enjoy, she said.

West Jordan Middle School in the Jordan School District received a donation that helped create 20 wireless portable computer stations, providing hands on experience for an entire classroom, Gilford said.

Karen Kezerian, assistant principal at West Jordan, said students will be able to further their learning as a result of the contribution.

"This lab has given our students the opportunity to move closer to achieving the school's technology goals," Kezerian said.

Jo Ann Christensen, principal of Butler Elementary School, also in the Jordan School District, said she is thankful for what the Earn & Learn program has given children at the elementary school.

"We love the Earn & Learn program," Christensen said. "We have basic needs for our students that there is never enough money for; if we didn't have this program, those needs would go unmet."

Other local stores are also participating in helping local schools.

Albertson's of American Fork does not have a precise program in place to benefit children, but the store donates funds occasionally to local schools, said Craig Sumner, grocery manager of the store.

Other uses for donated funds from the program include prizes given to children for good behavior, school supplies, computer software, books, field trips, and playground development.

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Charitable donations rise to new high

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Americans gave $203 billion in charitable donations last year, according to a report released last week in Giving USA, a publication of the American Association of Fundraising Council Trust for Philanthropy.

Donations were up 3.2 percent from 1999, and Americans posted an all-time high in contributions.

Melissa S. Brown, managing editor of Giving USA, said the stock market boom in the late nineties caused huge increases in giving.

"There's a greater understanding now of the good that can be done through philanthropic investments," Brown said.

BYU also reached a milestone in charitable giving this year with its Choose to Give campaign. According to Kyle Tresner, associate director of Annual Giving, the campaign has brought in $77,000 so far.

Sarah Sandberg, 23, an elementary education major from Provo, and a Choose to Give co-chair, said students were enthusiastic to participate.

"The response was phenomenal," Sandberg said, "I've never seen such energy in students, being willing to participate."

According to Tresner, more students donated more money through the Choose to Give campaign than ever before.

But even though student response was the highest it has ever been, only 13 percent of the student body has participated in the campaign.

Tresner said he believes student donations were lower simply because students were unaccustomed to the idea of donating.

"You pay your tuition and you're a poor student, and the thought simply never occurred to them," he said.

Similarly, the $203 billion dollars given in charitable donations by Americans last year only accounted for two percent of the gross domestic product.

NewTithing Group, a philanthropic research organization, recently reported Americans could comfortably have donated twice as much as they did last year.

According to Tim D. Stone, executive vice president of NewTithing Group, the wealthiest Americans — those who make slightly fewer than one million dollars — could comfortably have increased their donations eight times.

"The irony is that many wealthy people, who can afford to give, don't budget for their charity," Stone said.

But according to a 1999 NewTithing Group report, wealthy Utahns ranked first in the nation in charitable giving, based on percent of income donated to charity.

Charitable giving may be higher in Utah because of the large number of members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Utah, who traditionally give ten percent of their income in tithing.

Amanda Stott, Campaign Manager for United Way of Utah County, said that while Utahns are generally very charitable, sometimes they reserve their giving strictly for church donations, which can neglect needy nonmembers in the community.

U.N. joins study of earth's health

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — On World Environment Day, the United Nations joined forces Tuesday with 1,500 leading scientists and a host of public and private organizations to launch the first major study of the health of planet Earth.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the four-year, $21 million study "is designed to bring the world's best science to bear on the present choices we face in managing the global environment."

The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment will examine the state of the world's grasslands, forests, farmlands, oceans and fresh waterways and fill important gaps in the knowledge needed to preserve "the health of our planet," he told a news conference launching the initiative.

In a report last year to the U.N. Millennium Summit, Annan said there had never been a comprehensive global assessment of the world's major ecosystems.

"The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment is a response to this need," he said.

Timothy Wirth, president of the United Nations Foundation, which has provided $4 million to help fund the assessment, said the result will be "the first global report card on our environment" — and he predicted it would not be a good one.

He noted the economic implications.

"When the environment is forced to file for bankruptcy ... because its resource base has been polluted, degraded, dissipated, irretrievably compromised, then the economy goes down to bankruptcy with it — and so does everything else," Wirth said.

Pilot studies conducted by the World Resources Institute indicate that in many regions of the world, ecosystems are less able to meet human demand for food and clean water. Coral reefs are dying, forests are disappearing and fish stocks are being depleted.

"From out-of-control forest fires in Southeast Asia to massive floods in China, Central America and Mozambique, natural events have been exacerbated by human degradation of ecosystems — and in every case it is the poor who have suffered the most," said Mohamed El-Ashry, head of the Global Environment Facility.

The assessment was designed by the U.N. Environment Program, the U.N. Development Program, the World Bank, the World Resources Institute, the Global Environment Facility — which is providing $7 million in funding — and other partners.

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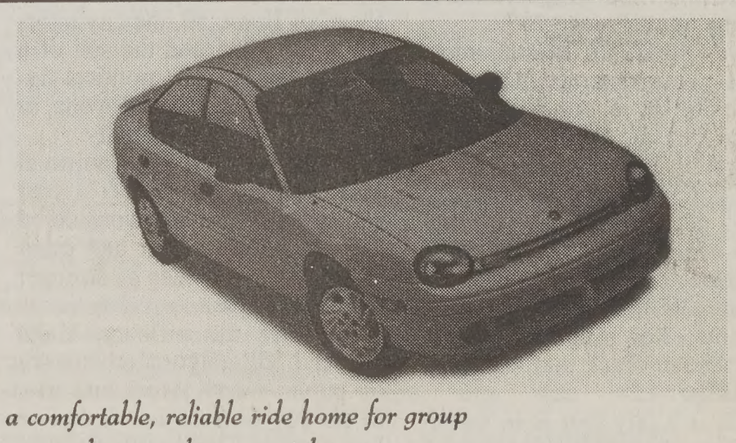

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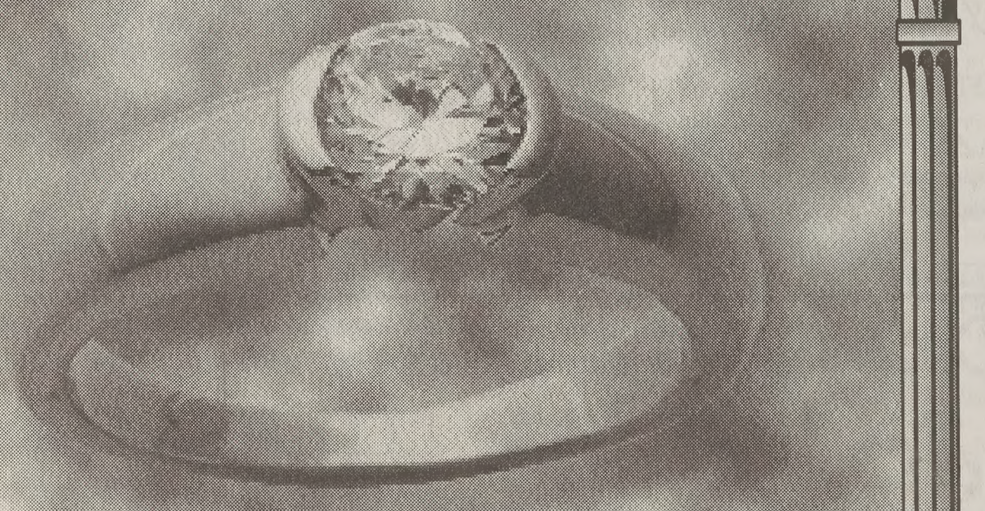

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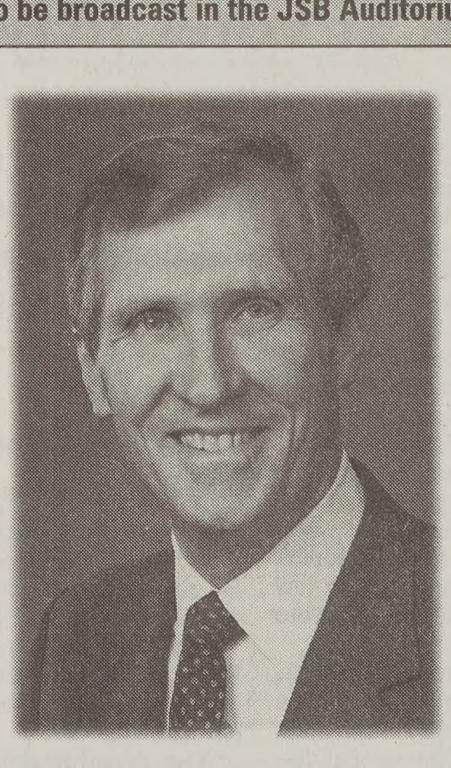

Elder Rex D. Pinegar
Member of the First Quorum of the Seventy

Elder Rex D. Pinegar was called as a member of the First Council of the Seventy in October 1972. He was later named as a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy in October 1976. From 1989 to 1995 he served as a member of the Presidency of the Seventy, and for the last two years of that time he served as its senior president.

Elder Pinegar currently serves as president of the North America Southwest Area with responsibility for Church matters in this region. He earlier served in the Asia, North America Southeast, and North America Southwest area presidencies.

Prior to his call as a General Authority, Elder Pinegar served as chairman of the Department of Educational Psychology at Brigham Young University. He received his doctor of education degree from the University of Southern California.

Elder Pinegar and his wife, Bonnie Lee Crabb Pinegar, are the parents of six children and have 19 grandchildren.